

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: <u>Vienna</u>				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>U.S. Rt. 50</u>				
CITY OR TOWN:				
STATE <u>Maryland</u>			COUNTY: <u>Dorchester</u>	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: <u>Multiple owners</u>				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: <u>Dorchester County Courthouse</u>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>High Street</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Cambridge</u>			STATE <u>Maryland</u>	
			<u>21613</u>	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Vienna is located on the western side of the Nanticoke River in the south central portion of the County, on U. S. Rt. 50. The oldest portion of the town consists of three streets running northeast to southwest (Water, Middle, Market Streets) intersected by two other streets running northwest to southeast (Race, Church Streets).

The appearance of Vienna today is largely the result of the building which occurred throughout the nineteenth century, although some earlier and some twentieth century structures do exist within the old town. It is largely a residential town, although there is a store on Race Street near Market.

Buildings included in the 1972 inventory include descriptions of several of the following buildings, most of which are included separately in this survey.

- D-144 - Home of Mr. & Mrs. Percy LeCompte
- D-145 - Gov. Hicks House
- D-146 - The Brick House
- D-147 - The Customs House
- D-156 - Tavern House
- D-157 - John Leonard House
- D-158 - Hurley House
- D-159 - Thomas Jackson House
- D-160 - Dr. I. H. Houston House (1877)
- D-161 - Malcolm Gibbons House
- D-162 - William Bratten House
- D-163 - Old Brick School
- D-164 - St. Paul's P.E. Church
- D-165 - Higgins House (1877)
- D-166 - Sherman House
- D-167 - Robert G. Carter House
- D-181 - Dr. S. S. Ewell House (1877)
- D-200 - Maryland National Bank

There are several other buildings which should be included in an inventory of the entire town. Vienna should be nominated to the National Register as an historic district.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	lasophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecturally, Vienna has a very good assemblage of early and late 19th century buildings and is representative of time when there was considerable trade on the Nanticoke.

Vienna was established by legislative enactment in 1706 and was subsequently laid out according to the enactment. The records of the commissioners exist in detail. It was established at a place called Emperor's Landing, a name derived from the Nanticoke Indians.

In 1709 a Chapel of Ease was established and in 1725 two acres of land was laid out for a chapel out of the public lands of the town. According to Elias Jones, at one time there was a brick chapel. The present location of St. Paul's is not the original site as the public lands were located at the corner of Race and Market Streets.

In 1762 an act was passed to build a public warehouse at Vienna. In 1763 the lot and salary for the inspector were established. In 1763 petition was made by Robert Henry to Governor Sharpe to move the collectors office from Greenhill to Vienna. This seems to have been accomplished by 1791 when the first customs collector was appointed, who was John Muir.

It is said that the town was a target for attack by the British during the revolution, however, little has come to light about the outcome of the attack.

Prior to his removing to Cambridge and thence to the Governorship of Maryland (during the Civil War), Thomas Holliday Hicks was a resident of lot 37 Thams Street (Water Street) and was a merchant in the town.

In 1828 the construction of a bridge was authorized and it was subsequently constructed. In 1860, however, it was removed.

Vienna today has commerce along U.S. Rt. 50 but otherwise is a residential town. It is one of the significant early towns of Dorchester and should be made an historic district.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Jones, Elias, New Revised History of Dorchester County, Maryland, Tidewater Publishers, Cambridge, 1966.

Laskowski Papers, 1955.

Reps, John W., Tidewater Towns, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg, Virginia, 1972.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant		
ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust	DATE 1975	
STREET AND NUMBER: Shaw House, 21 State Circle		
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE Maryland	21401

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

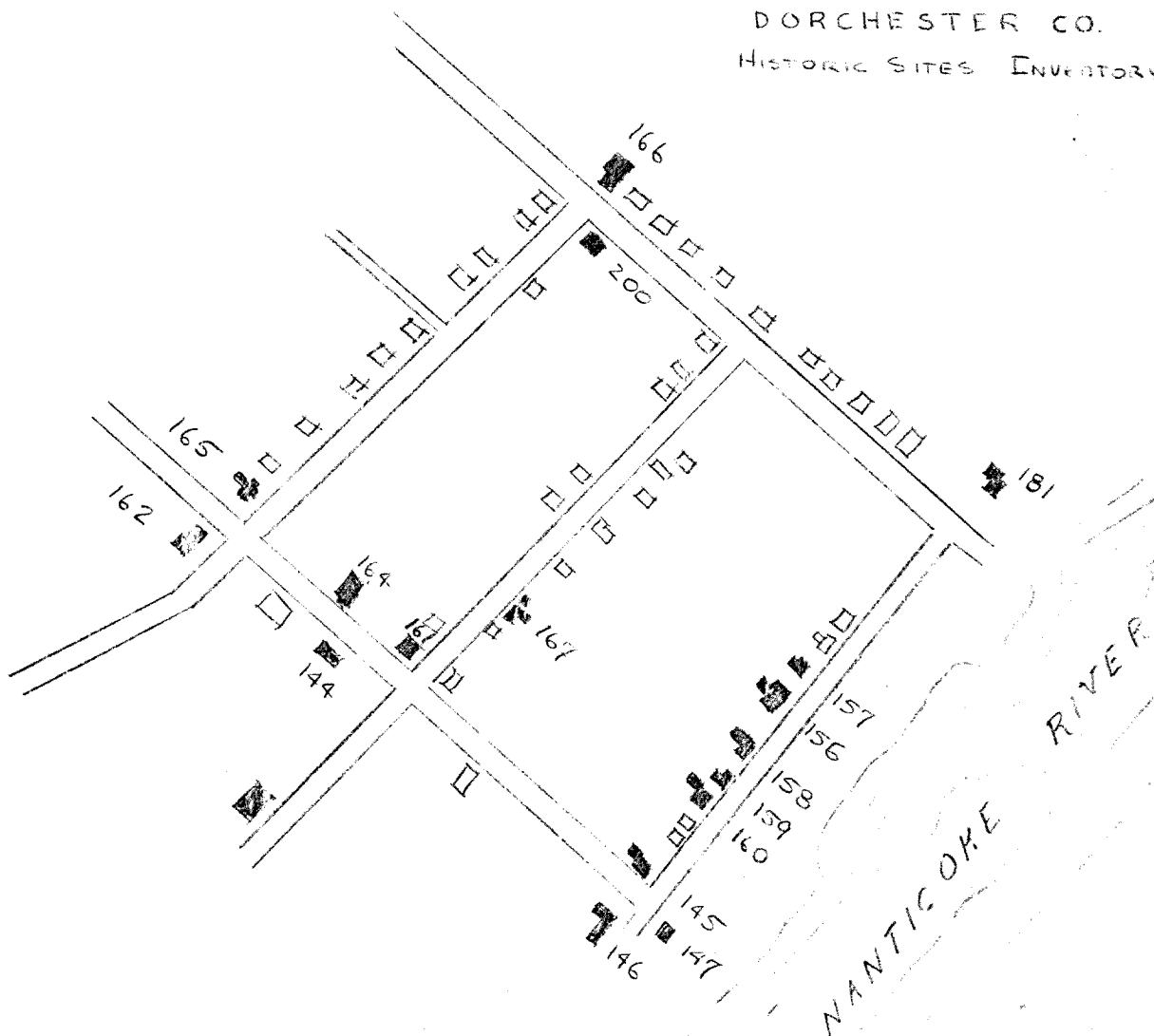
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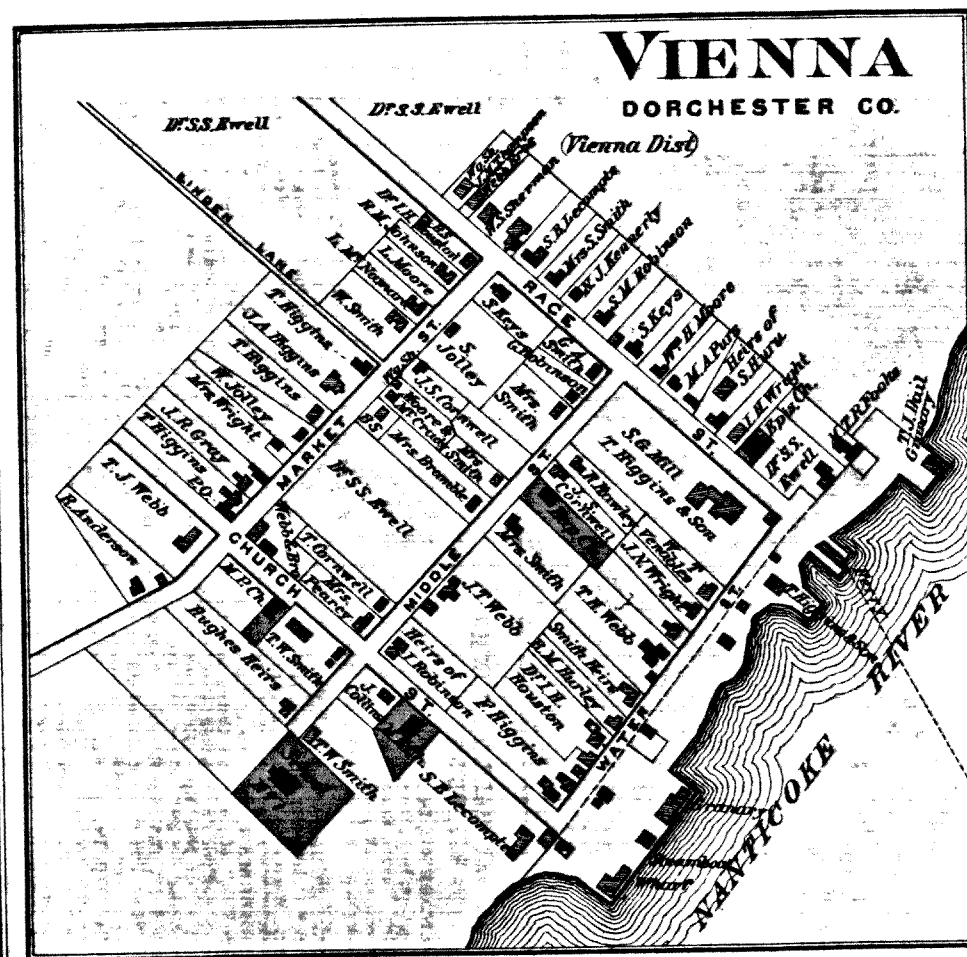
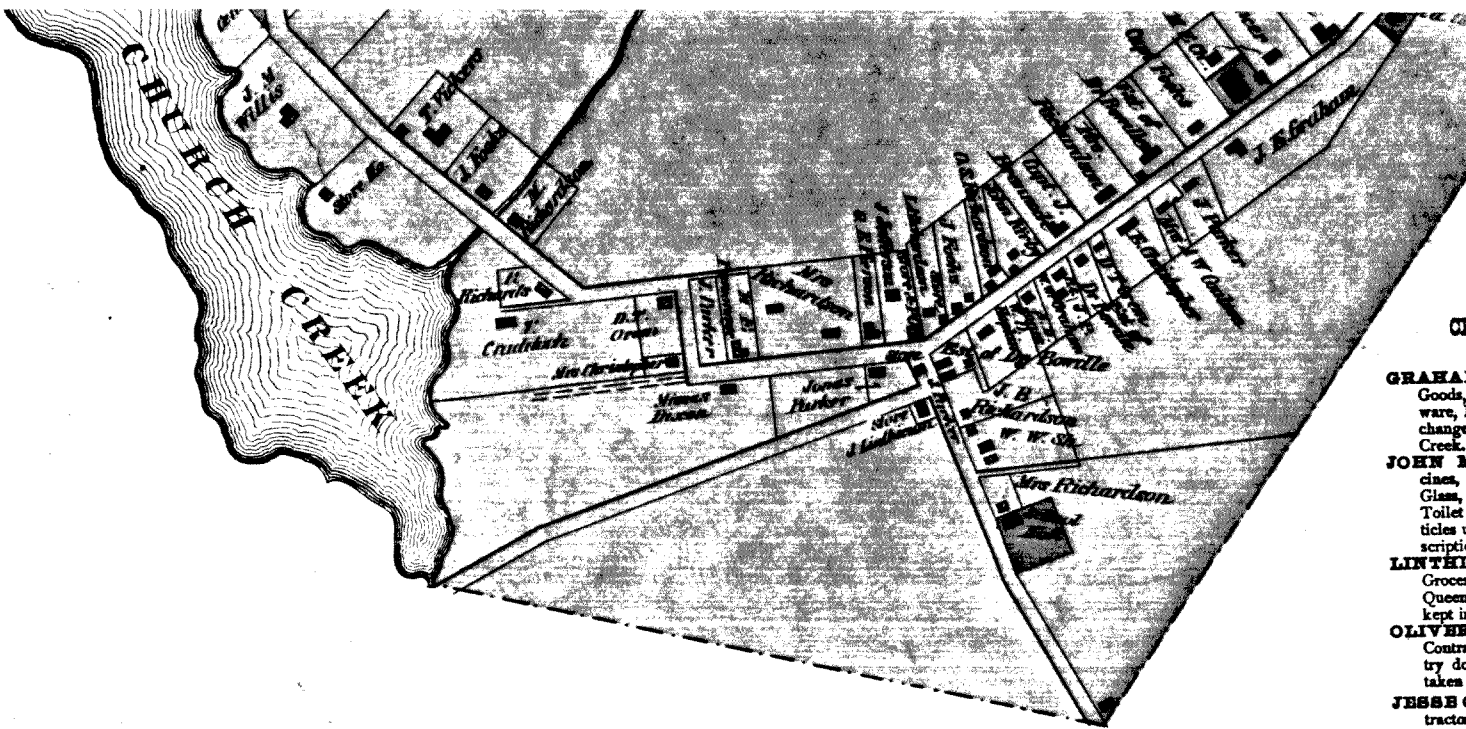


VIENNA

DORCHESTER CO.

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY





VIENNA BUSINESS REFERENCES.

HITCH & BRO'S., Practical Carriage and Harness makers. Manufacturers of all kinds of Carriage work. We have on hand a good stock of Carriages of our own manufacture. We do Trimming, Repairing, Painting, and all kinds of Carriage work. Shop on Race street.

C. B. BOSTON, Wheelwright and Undertaker. Wheelwrighting in all its Branches. I Manufacture from the Lightest Buggy to Road Wagons. Repairing done and Solicited, also Undertaking in all its Branches. Shop on Race street.

THOMAS HIGGINS & SON, Merchants and Millers. General Dealers in all kinds of Merchandise, Meal and Flour, Lumber of all kinds, Flooring, Peach and Grape Boxes.

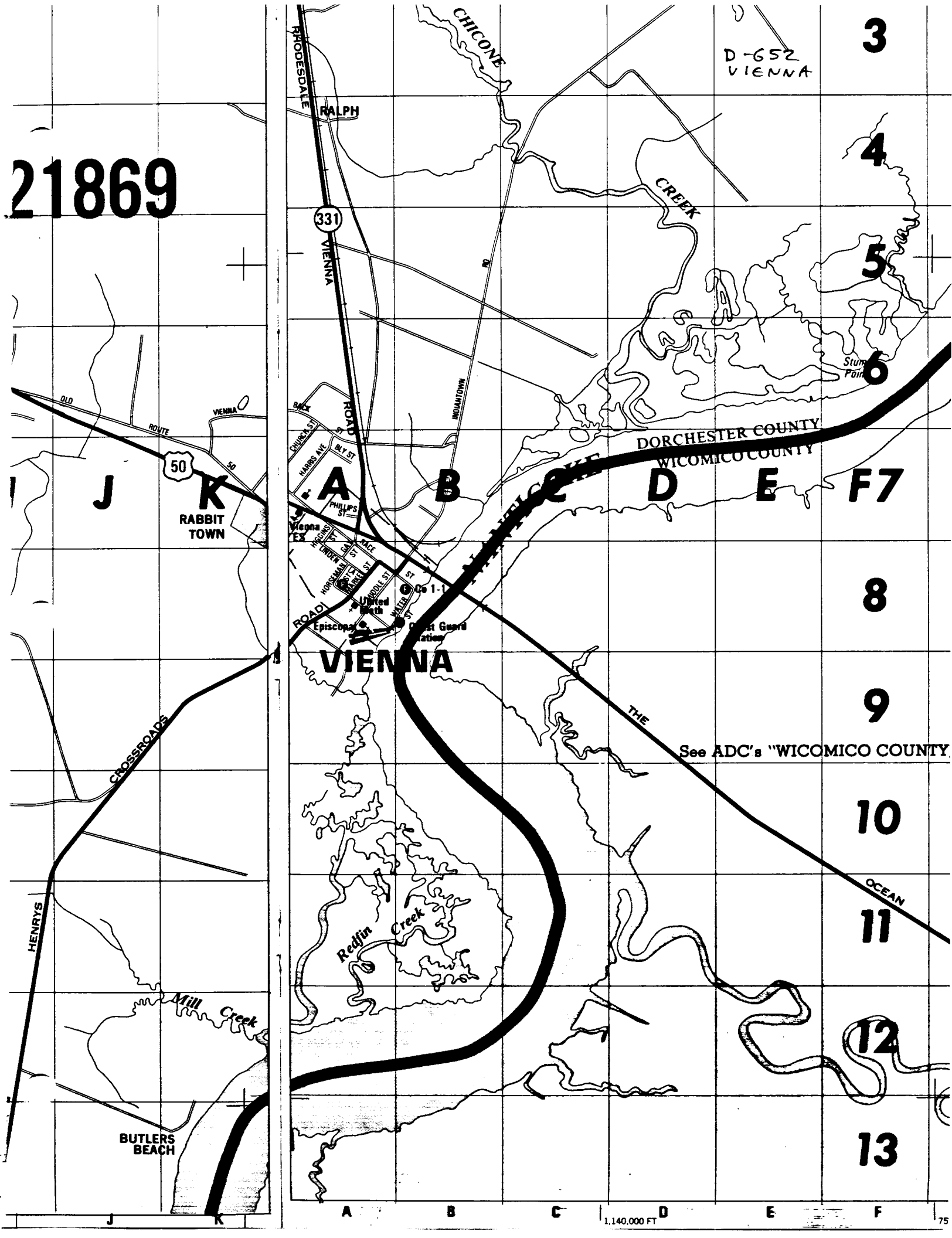
DR. S. S. HWELL, Physician and Surgeon, will Practice in Dorchester and Wicomico counties, Md. All calls promptly attended to Day and Night. Office on Race street.

DR. EUGENE HODEON, Physician and Surgeon. **J. H. VANE**, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Willow and Woodenware, Toilet Soaps, Fancy Articles, Drugs, Medicines, Notions, &c. Country Produce of all kinds taken in exchange for goods. Store at Linkwood Station.

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